

To whom it may concern,

The current attempt at Teacher Evaluation, as well as implementation of Common Core Standards, in the State of Connecticut, in my opinion, has been TOO MUCH - TOO SOON - TOO FAST !

There is no way to "quantify" the entire act of disseminating information to students.

THIS ACT OF TEACHING IS A "CONNECTION" BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS, NOT AN ENTIRELY "QUANTIFIABLE" ENDEAVOR !

IT CANNOT BE REDUCED TO AN "I GOTCHA" CHECKLIST OF 40 OR MORE ITEMS.

What currently seems to be in vogue, in my humble opinion after 40 years on the job, is a business model that is attempting to treat human beings, both students and instructors, as mere pieces of a product, that is being manufactured !

This cannot, nor should it, continue.

The "Flexibility Options", put forth by CEA, relative to Teacher Evaluation, MUST BE LOOKED AT !

They represent a more rational, and realistic look at what teachers, THE PRACTITIONERS, DO EVERY DAY !

Please restore a more realistic evaluation tool, and do so as quickly as possible. Many teachers jobs may possibly be in jeopardy, and both morale, and more importantly, the "climates" in our collective school buildings statewide, are at very frustrating and tenuous levels.

Sincerely,

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